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# Quick Guide

to the Eurovision Song Contest 2019

for  
Commentators, Broadcasters, Media, & Fans

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## 2019 Host City: Tel Aviv

The second-most populous city in Israel, its economic and technological hub, and recognized by many as the nation's capital, Tel Aviv (Hebrew for "Spring Mound") is a young city, both in terms of its history and its general vibe. Despite being adjacent to (and technically unified with) the ancient city of Jaffa (or "Yafo"), which has been inhabited since before the Bronze Age, Tel Aviv itself was only founded in 1909 by a group of 66 families divvying up a plot of land by the seaside. In just over a century, that number has grown to over 440,000 inhabitants within the city limits. Tel Aviv is noted for its eclectic architecture, beautiful coastline, and never-ending party vibe.

## 2019 Venue: Expo Tel Aviv

Formerly known as the Israel Trade Fairs and Convention Center and the Tel Aviv Convention Center, Expo Tel Aviv is located adjacent to Yarkon Park in the northern end of the city. Traditionally used as a convention hall, Expo Tel Aviv can host concerts with an audience of up to approximately ten thousand spectators. Originally constructed in 1959 and renovated in 2011, Expo Tel Aviv expanded in 2015 with the addition of Pavilion 2, where Eurovision 2019's performances will be held.

## 2019 Hosts:

### Bar Refaeli

Bar Refaeli is one of the world's leading supermodels, having appeared on the covers of *Elle*, *Vogue*, *Marie Claire*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and many other magazines around the globe. She landed the coveted cover spot on *Sports Illustrated's* annual Swimsuit issue in 2009, and topped *Maxim* magazine's Hot 100 List in 2012. She is also an experienced television presenter, having hosted *X-Factor Israel*.

### Erez Tal

Veteran broadcaster Erez Tal has been a known figure on Israeli airwaves since the early 1980s, having hosted comedy programs, game shows, and reality television. Last year, he provided the Israeli commentary for Eurovision in Lisbon, the nation's first since the 1993 edition.

### Assi Azar - Greenroom Host

Assi Azar is one of Israel's most recognizable presenters, having hosted the local edition of *Big Brother (Ha'Ah HaGadol)*, as well as *Rising Star (HaKokhav HaBa)*, a musical talent competition that Israel's selection show for Eurovision.

### Lucy Ayoub - Greenroom Host

Known to Eurovision fans as the spokesperson for Israel during the 2018 event in Lisbon, Lucy Ayoub is a rising star in the world of presenting. After hosting a weekly show on KAN radio, she moved on to the daily program *Culture Club*.

## Medals Table

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## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Jonida Maliqi</b>
Title (Albanian)	<b>Ktheju tokës</b>
Title (English)	Return to the Land
Language	Albanian
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Eriona Rushiti

Artist Profile	A veteran in the Albanian music scene, Jonida first took part in <i>Festival i Këngës</i> in 1995, at the age of thirteen. Since then, she's made the podium at Fik three times, (including her victory with "Ktheju tokës"), hosted it once, presented the local edition of <i>Dancing with the Stars</i> , and served as a judge on <i>The Voice of Albania</i> .
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Song Description	Dramatic and evocative, this ethnically-infused song is a heartfelt cry to the Albanian diaspora throughout the world that had been dispersed through wartime emigration.
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Selection Process	The first national final of the season was Albania's <i>Festival i Këngës</i> , which took place in December. Following 22-song semifinals, the final consisted of 14 competitors. The winner was chosen 100% by jury vote.
Date Selected	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2019

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2004
Years Competed	2004 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	16
Best Position	5 <sup>th</sup> (2012)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Eugent Bushpepa / Mall
Finishing Position	11th place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Srbuk</b> (Srbuhi Sargsyan)
Title	<b>Walking Out</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Lost Capital, tokionine / Lyrics: Garik Papoyan

Artist Profile	Srbuk came to local prominence after her second-place finish in Armenia's first series of X-Factor in 2010-2011. In 2018, she came in 4th place on <i>The Voice of Ukraine</i> .
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Song Description	"Walking Out" is a powerful mid-tempo belter about finding oneself stronger after coming out of a difficult relationship. Watch out for the killer high notes near the end!
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Selection Process	Srbuk was announced as an internal selection, followed by a public call for songs. Broadcaster ARMTV, along with Srbuk and her team, selected the entry internally from those submissions.
Date Artist Announced	30th November
Date Song Released	10th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006 - 2011, 2013 - present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	13
Best Position	4 <sup>th</sup> (2008 & 2014)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Sevak Khanagyan / Qami
Finishing Position	NQ (15th place in Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Kate Miller-Heidke</b>
Title	<b>Zero Gravity</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Kate Miller-Heidke, Keir Nuttall

Artist Profile	Classically-trained, Kate Miller-Heidke is an ARIA Award-nominated singer, songwriter, and actress. Her single "Caught in the Crowd" won the 2008 International Songwriting Competition, and she's put out a number of solo albums. She also co-wrote the music and lyrics for the critically-acclaimed musical "Muriel's Wedding".
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Song Description	"Zero Gravity" is an uplifting pop-opera blend about the singer's own struggles with post-partum depression following the birth of her son.
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Selection Process	For the first time, Australia opted for a National Selection. At <i>Eurovision - Australia Decides</i> , ten songs competed in Gold Coast. A public televote and professional jury decided the winner.
Date Selected	9th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2015
Years Competed	2015 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	5
Best Position	2 <sup>nd</sup> (2016)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Jessica Mauboy / We Got Love
Finishing Position	20th place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Pænda</b> (Gabriela Horn)
Title	<b>Limits</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Gabriela Horn

Artist Profile	Electropop artist Pænda, who was born near Austria's border with Slovenia, released her first album, "Evolution I", last year. She graduated with honors from the Vienna Music Institute.
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Song Description	"Limits" is a modern, minimalistic, emotional ballad about balancing one's belief in oneself with recognizing one's breaking points.
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Selection Process	Both the artist and the song were internally selected by ORF.
Date Artist Announced	29th January
Date Song Released	8th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957-1968, 1971-1972, 1976-1997, 1999-2000, 2002-2005, 2007, 2011 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	51
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1966, 2014)
Host Venue	Vienna 1967, Vienna 2015

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Cesár Sampson / Nobody But You
Finishing Position	3rd Place in the Final

# Azerbaijan

Slot 18, Semifinal 2

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Chingiz</b> (Chingiz Mustafayev)
Title	<b>Truth</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Borislav Milanov, Trey Campbell, Bo J, Pablo Dinero, Hostess, Chingiz Mustafayev / Lyrics: Borislav Milanov, Trey Campbell, Bo J, Hostess

Artist Profile	Chingiz won Azerbaijan's edition of the <i>Idol</i> franchise in 2007, at the age of only sixteen. Since then, he represented his nation at the 2013 <i>New Wave</i> festival, and participated in 2016's edition of <i>The Voice of Ukraine</i> .
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Song Description	Tinged with just a touch of traditional instrumentation, "Truth" is a solid mid-tempo pop number with a driving beat.
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Selection Process	Following a public call for songs and singers, İctimai Televiziya chose their singer and song internally.
Date Released	8th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2008
Years Competed	2008 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	11
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2011)
Host Venue	Baku 2012

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Aisel / X My Heart
Finishing Position	NQ (11th place in the Semifinal)



## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>ZENA</b> (Zinaida Kupriyanovich)
Title	<b>Like It</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Yulia Kireeva, Viktor Drobysh / Lyrics: Yulia Kireeva

Artist Profile	At 16, Zena is this year's youngest competitor. She has represented Belarus at both <i>New Wave Junior</i> and <i>Junior Slavianski Bazaar</i> , and twice attempted to represent Belarus at Junior Eurovision. In 2017, she came in third place on the Russian edition of <i>Star Factory</i> , and in 2018, co-hosted Junior Eurovision when it was held in Minsk.
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Song Description	"Like It" is a confident, poppy song with a great dance beat, reminiscent of some of the great girl-pop songs of the early 2000s.
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Selection Process	Following an open submission window and live auditions, ten entries were performed in a National Final. The winner was determined exclusively through the votes of a jury.
Date Selected	7th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2004
Years Competed	2004 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	16
Best Position	6 <sup>th</sup> (2007)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Alekseev / Forever
Finishing Position	NQ (16th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Eliot</b> (Eliot Vassamillet)
Title	<b>Wake Up</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Pierre Dumoulin, Eliot Vassamillet

Artist Profile	Eliot appeared on the most recent series of <i>The Voice Belgique</i> , where he was eliminated in the early Live Shows.
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Song Description	This mid-tempo electropop song blends '80s synths with modern production in a way that is both chilled out, yet driving and engaging.
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Selection Process	Flemish broadcaster RTBF opted for an internal selection this year for both singer and song.
Date Artist Announced	15th January
Date Song Released	28th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-2000, 2000 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	61
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1986)
Host Venue	Brussels 1987

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Sennek / A Matter of Time
Finishing Position	NQ (12th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Roko</b> (Roko Blažević)
Title	<b>The Dream</b>
Language	English, Croatian
Composers	Music: Jacques Houdek / Lyrics: Jacques Houdek, Andrea Čubrić, Charlie Mason

Artist Profile	Roko, who is one of this year's youngest participants, won the third series of the Serbian talent show <i>Pinkove zvezde</i> in 2017, followed by a second-place finish in the Croatian show <i>Zvijezde</i> .
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Song Description	A dramatic ballad performed in both English and Croatian, "The Dream" shows of Roko's impressive vocal prowess.
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Selection Process	Sixteen songs competed at <i>Dora 2019</i> , Croatia's first national final since 2011. The winner was determined by both a public televote as well as a series of Croatian regional juries.
Date Selected	16th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1993
Years Competed	1993-2013, 2015 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	25
Best Position	4 <sup>th</sup> (1996, 1999)
Host Venue	Zagreb 1990 (as Yugoslavia)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Franka Batelić / Crazy
Finishing Position	NQ (17th Place in Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Tamta</b> (Tamta Goduadze)
Title	<b>Replay</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Teddy Sky, Alex Papaconstantinou, Viktor Svensson, Albin Nedler, Kristoffer Fogelmark

Artist Profile	Georgian-born Tamta made a name for herself in the Greek and Cypriot market after her 2004 second-place finish on the show <i>Super Idol</i> . Since then, she's released three albums and has served as a judge and mentor on <i>X Factor</i> in both Georgia and Greece.
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Song Description	A sunny slice of Mediterranean pop with an infectious beat and a strong hook.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster CyBC opted for an internal selection for both singer and song.
Date Artist Announced	21st December
Date Song Released	5th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1981
Years Competed	1981-1987, 1989-2000, 2002-2013, 2015-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	36
Best Position	2 <sup>nd</sup> (2018)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Eleni Foureira / Fuego
Finishing Position	2nd Place in the Final

# Czech Republic

Slot 6, Semifinal 1

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Lake Malawi</b>
Title	<b>Friend of a Friend</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Jan Steinsdoerfer, Maciej Mikolaj Trybulec, Albert Černý

Artist Profile	Indie-pop trio Lake Malawi formed in 2013, and have released an EP as well as a full studio album. They've played at a number of music festivals, both in the Czech Republic and abroad, and have opened for The Kooks, Mika, and Thirty Seconds to Mars in concert.
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Song Description	This bouncy, cheeky retro pop number is about human connection, relationships, and fidelity in an interconnected world.
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Selection Process	Eight songs competed in an online National Final through the Eurovision app, with the decision made by a Czech public vote, a jury made up of recent Eurovision participants, and voters from outside the Czech Republic (who were weighted the same as a single juror).
Date Selected	28th January

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2009, 2015-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	8
Best Position	6th (2018)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Mikolas Josef / Lie to Me
Finishing Position	6th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Leonora</b> (Leonora Colmor Jepsen)
Title	<b>Love is Forever</b>
Language	English, French (with lines in Danish and German)
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Lise Cabbie, Melanie Wehbe, Emil Rosendal Lei

Artist Profile	Formerly a Danish figure skating champion, "Love is Forever" is Leonora's first major public foray into musical performance.
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Song Description	This sweet multilingual tune includes the first usage of the Danish language at Eurovision since 1997.
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Selection Process	The national final show <i>Dansk Melodi Grand Prix</i> was used again to select the artist and song. Ten songs were winnowed down to a three-song superfinal by a public vote and jury, and the final result was also determined by both the public and jury.
Date Selected	23rd February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957-1966, 1968-1993, 1995, 1997, 1999-2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	48
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1963, 2000, 2013)
Host Venue	Copenhagen 1964, Copenhagen 2001, Copenhagen 2014

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Rasmussen / Higher Ground
Finishing Position	9th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Victor Crone</b>
Title	<b>Storm</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Stig Rästa, Vallo Kikas, Victor Crone, Sebastian Lestapier / Lyrics: Stig Rästa, Victor Crone, Fred Krieger

Artist Profile	Swedish singer Victor Crone has released a few singles into the Swedish and Estonian markets, but is best known as a guest vocalist on Behrang Miri's 2015 <i>Melodifestivalen</i> song "Det rör vi inte för".
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Song Description	A bit of country-infused dance pop, somewhat reminiscent of Avicii's "Wake Me Up", this anthemic, crowd-pleasing entry is sure to get people engaged.
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Selection Process	Twenty four songs competed in the two semifinals of this year's <i>Eesti Laul 2019</i> , leading to a twelve-song Final. A jury vote and public televote narrowed down the songs to a three-entry superfinal, which was decided on purely via a public vote.
Date Selected	16th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1996 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	25
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2001)
Host Venue	Tallinn 2002

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Elina Nechayeva / La Forza
Finishing Position	8th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Darude feat. Sebastian Rejman</b>
Title	<b>Look Away</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Sebastian Rejman, Ville Virtanen

Artist Profile	Ville Virtanen, known to the world as Darude, gave the world the 1999 dance mega-hit "Sandstorm". Since then, he's been touring extensively and released four albums. Sebastian Rejman is the singer and guitarist of the band The Giant Leap.
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Song Description	An EDM track worthy of the Darude stamp of approval, "Look Away" is a high-energy, yet emotional song about turning a blind eye to the world's big issues.
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Selection Process	Like last year, YLE opted to select their artist internally. Three songs were released incrementally to the public, and the decision was made by a public vote as well as an international jury.
Date Artist Announced	29th January
Date Song Selected	2nd March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1961
Years Competed	1961-1969, 1971-1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	53
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2006)
Host Venue	Helsinki 2007

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Saara Aalto / Monsters
Finishing Position	25th Place in the Final



## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Bilal Hassani</b>
Title (French)	<b>Roi</b>
Title (English)	King
Language	French, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Emilie Satt, Jean-Karl Lucas

Artist Profile	An alum of the second series of <i>The Voice Kids</i> (where he auditioned with Conchita Wurst's "Rise Like a Phoenix"), Bilal is a prolific YouTuber, where he has released both covers and original material.
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Song Description	"Roi" is an emotional, anthemic bilingual pop ballad about self-reliance and self-acceptance.
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Selection Process	France's <i>Destination Eurovision 2019</i> consisted of two nine-song semifinals leading to an eight-song final. The winner was determined by an international jury and public televote.
Date Selected	26th January

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1973, 1975-1981, 1983 - present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	62
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1958, 1960, 1962, 1969, 1977)
Host Venue	Cannes 1959, Cannes 1961, Paris 1978

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Madame Monsieur / Mercy
Finishing Position	13 <sup>th</sup>

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Oto Nemsadze</b>
Title	<b>Keep on Going</b>
Language	Georgian
Composers	Music: Roman Giorgadze / Lyrics: Diana Giorgadze

Artist Profile	Oto Nemsadze was the winner of <i>Geostar</i> in 2010, and came in second place at the 2013 series of <i>The Voice of Ukraine</i> .
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Song Description	Darkly anthemic, this blends a solid rock foundation with a few traditional ethnic Georgian touches.
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Selection Process	<i>Georgian Idol</i> was used to select the nation's entrant for Eurovision this year. The show's finale featured the top four singers, and their "coronation song" was also their potential entry for Eurovision.
Date Selected	2nd March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2008, 2010-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	12
Best Position	9 <sup>th</sup> (2010, 2011)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Ethno-Jazz Band Iriao / For You
Finishing Position	NQ (18th Place in Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Sisters</b>
Title	<b>Sister</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Laurell Barker, Marine Kaltenbacher, Tom Oehler, Thomas Stengaard

Artist Profile	Sisters is made up of the not-actually related duo of Laura Kästel and Carlotta Truman. Carlotta appeared on <i>Das Supertalent</i> and a runner-up on <i>The Voice Kids</i> . Laura currently works as a backing singer for 2010 ESC winner Lena.
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Song Description	As dramatic as a teenaged sibling rivalry, Laura and Carlotta's voices harmonize and synchronize beautifully in this show-stopping ballad.
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Selection Process	Seven acts took part in this year's <i>Unser Lied für Israel</i> , with the winner being determined by a combination of public voting, a one-hundred-member Eurovision fan panel, and an international expert jury.
Date Selected	22nd February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1995, 1997-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	63
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1982, 2010)
Host Venue	Frankfurt am Main 1957, Munich 1983, Düsseldorf 2011

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Michael Schulte / You Let Me Walk Alone
Finishing Position	4th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Katerine Duska</b>
Title	<b>Better Love</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Katerine Duska, David Sneddon / Lyrics: Katerine Duska, Leon of Athens, David Sneddon

Artist Profile	Born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada to a Greek family, Katerine released her first solo album, <i>Embodiment</i> , in late 2015.
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Song Description	This dreamy indie-pop song rises to an emotional, anthemic climax.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster ERT opted for an internal selection for both its singer and song for Tel Aviv.
Date Artist Announced	14th February
Date Song Released	7th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1974
Years Competed	1974, 1976-1981, 1983, 1985, 1987-1998, 2001-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	40
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2005)
Host Venue	Athens 2006

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Yianna Terzi / Oniro mou
Finishing Position	14th Place in the Semifinal

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Joci Pápai</b>
Title (Hungarian)	<b>Az én apám</b>
Title (English)	My Father
Language	Hungarian
Composers	Music: József Pápai, Ferenc Molnár Caramel / Lyrics: Ferenc Molnár Caramel

Artist Profile	Known to the Eurovision community as Hungary's entrant in 2017 with the 8th placed "Origo", Joci Pápai first became known in Hungary through his participation on <i>Megasztár</i> .
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Song Description	"Az én apám" is a touching mid-tempo ballad about Joci's relationship with his father, and the memories he has of them together.
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Selection Process	Hungary continued to use <i>A Dal</i> to find their artist and song. Three ten-song heats led to two nine-song semifinals, each determined through a jury panel and televote. The eight-song final consisted of a first round, where a panel of jurors would decide which four songs would proceed to a superfinal, during which the winner would be decided by a televote.
Date Selected	23rd February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1998, 2005, 2007-2009, 2010-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	17
Best Position	4 <sup>th</sup> (1994)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	AWS / Viszlát nyár
Finishing Position	21st Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Hatari</b>
Title (Icelandic)	<b>Hatrið mun sigra</b>
Title (English)	Hate Will Prevail
Language	Icelandic
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Einar Hrafn Stefánsson, Klemens Nikulásson Hannigan, Matthías Tryggvi Haraldsson

Artist Profile	Described as satirical, anarchistic, performance art, and "pseudo-fascist cyborgs", Hatari have electrified audiences since their breakout performance at Iceland Airwaves in 2016. Clad in leather and latex, this is one act viewers will not forget, for better for worse.
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Song Description	Brazen and hard-hitting, this industrial techno-punk song will make its undeniable mark on the Eurovision stage (possibly from a hammer wielded by Einar in the background).
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Selection Process	<i>Söngvakeppnin 2019</i> consisted of two five-song semifinals, with two songs qualifying from each round. (Broadcaster RÚV also had the right to add an additional wildcard song to the final roster.) During the Final, a jury and televote would decide which two songs would go to a superfinal, which was then decided on by the Icelandic public.
Date Selected	2nd March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1986
Years Competed	1986-1997, 1999-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	32
Best Position	2 <sup>nd</sup> (1999, 2009)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Ari Ólafsson / Our Choice
Finishing Position	NQ (19th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Sarah McTernan</b>
Title	<b>22</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Janieck van de Polder, Marcia Sondejker, Roel Rats

Artist Profile	Sarah is best known to local audiences as the third-placed finisher on the fourth series of <i>The Voice of Ireland</i> . She plays violin, guitar, ukulele, piano and tin whistle with her band The Jeds.
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Song Description	This light summery pop tune is as fresh and breezy as a stroll by the seaside.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster RTÉ opted for an internal selection for both its singer and song.
Date Released	8th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1965
Years Competed	1965-1982, 1984-2001, 2003 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	53
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1970, 1980, 1987, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996)
Host Venue	Dublin 1971, Dublin 1981, Dublin 1988, Millstreet 1993, Dublin 1994, Dublin 1995, Dublin 1997

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Ryan O'Shaugnessy / Together
Finishing Position	16th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Kobi Marimi</b>
Title	<b>Home</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Ohad Shragai & Inbar Weitzman

Artist Profile	An accomplished musical theatre performer, Kobi Marimi has appeared in a number of local productions.
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Song Description	"Home" is a grand, dramatic ballad about triumphing over adversity and finding your place in the world.
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Selection Process	Like last year, KAN used the reality show <i>HaKokhav HaBa L'Eurovision</i> to decide who would get the chance to perform on home soil. The song was then tailor-made for the winning artist, and released at a later time.
Date Artist Announced	12th February
Date Song Released	10th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1973
Years Competed	1973-1979, 1981-1983, 1985-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	42
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1978, 1979, 1998, 2018)
Host Venue	Jerusalem 1979, Jerusalem 1999, Tel Aviv 2019

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Netta / Toy
Finishing Position	1st Place in the Final



## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Mahmood</b> (Alessandro Mahmoud)
Title (Italian)	<b>Soldi</b>
Title (English)	Money
Language	Italian, Arabic
Composers	Music: Charlie Charles, Dario "Dardust" Faini, Alessandro Mahmoud / Lyrics: Dario "Dardust" Faini, Alessandro Mahmoud

Artist Profile	First appearing on the sixth series of <i>X-Factor</i> in Italy in 2012, Mahmood appeared in the Newcomer's division of Sanremo in 2016, placing fourth. He returned to Sanremo two years later, winning the Newcomer's division and eventually the full show. His first full album, <i>Gioventù bruciata</i> , was released this year.
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Song Description	Blending pop, r'n'b, and hip-hop, "Soldi" is an open letter to the singer's father, who left the family when Mahmood was young.
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Selection Process	Twenty-four artists competed at this year's Sanremo Festival, with two of those entrants coming from the Sanremo Newcomers contest that took place in the months before the show. The winner of the <i>Sanremo Music Festival</i> (the contest on which the Eurovision Song Contest is based) is given first option to represent Italy at Eurovision.
Date Selected	9th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1980, 1983-1985, 1987-1993, 1997, 2011-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	45
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1964, 1990)
Host Venue	Naples 1965, Rome 1991

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Ermal Meta & Fabrizio Moro / Non mi avete fatto niente
Finishing Position	5th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Carousel</b>
Title	<b>That Night</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music Lyrics: Sabine Žuga and Maris Vasilievsky / Lyrics: Sabine Žuga

Artist Profile	Indie-pop duo Carousel was formed in 2016 by Sabine Žuga and Maris Vasilievsky.
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Song Description	Dreamy and subtle, "That Night" is a wistful, folky ballad that highlights Sabine's emotive voice.
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Selection Process	<i>Supernova 2019</i> was used to select this year's Latvian entrant, with two eight-song semifinals leading to an eight-song final. The winner was determined by a jury vote, an online vote, a televote, and a tally of the number of Spotify streams each participant received.
Date Selected	16th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2000
Years Competed	2000-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	20
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2002)
Host Venue	Riga 2003

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Laura Rizzotto / Funny Girl
Finishing Position	NQ (12th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Jurij Veklenko</b>
Title	<b>Run with the Lions</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Ashley Hicklin, Eric Lumiere, Pele Lorian

Artist Profile	Jurij returns to the Eurovision stage after twice serving as a backing vocalist for the Lithuanian team: in 2013 for Andrius Pojavis's "Something", and 2015 for Vaidas Baumila and Monika Linkyte's "This Time".
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Song Description	An anthemic mid-tempo pop song, "Run With the Lions" embraces the feeling of letting go of one's inhibitions and allowing yourself to fall in love.
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Selection Process	Following a series of heats and semifinals, 49 songs were winnowed down to a final eight, where a public televote and jury decided on the eventual winner.
Date Selected	23rd February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1999, 2001-2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	20
Best Position	6 <sup>th</sup> (2006)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Ieva Zasimauskaitė / When We're Old
Finishing Position	12th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Michela</b> (Michaela Pace)
Title (English)	<b>Chameleon</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Joacim Persson, Paula Winger, Borislav Milanov, Johan Alkaenas

Artist Profile	Newcomer Michela won the inaugural series of <i>X Factor Malta</i> . She hails from Gozo, the northern island of the Maltese archipelago.
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Song Description	This super-modern pop track, with its unconventional chorus, is both radio friendly and innovative.
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Selection Process	The first series of Malta's edition of the <i>X Factor</i> was used to decide who would represent the nation in Tel Aviv. Michela's song was selected internally.
Date Artist Selected	26th January
Date Song Released	10th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1971
Years Competed	1971-1972, 1974-1976, 1990-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	32
Best Position	2 <sup>nd</sup> (2002, 2005)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Christabelle / Taboo
Finishing Position	NQ (13th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Anna Odobescu</b>
Title	<b>Stay</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Georgios Kalpakidis, Thomas Reil, Jeppe Reil, Maria Broberg

Artist Profile	Anna is from the town of Dubăsari, in the disputed region of Transnistria. She is a graduate of the Academy of Music, Theater and Fine Arts in Chisinau.
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Song Description	"Stay" is a classic dramatic ballad about holding on to the last vestiges of a failing relationship.
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Selection Process	Following an open audition process, a ten-song national final, <i>O melodie pentru Europa 2019</i> , was held. The winner was decided via a public vote as well as the vote of a jury.
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Date Selected	3rd March
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## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2005
Years Competed	2005-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	15
Best Position	3 <sup>rd</sup> (2017)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	DoReDos / My Lucky Day
Finishing Position	10th Place in the Final

# Montenegro

Slot 2, Semifinal 1

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>D mol</b>
Title (English)	<b>Heaven</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Dejan Božović / Lyrics: Adis Miličić

Artist Profile	D mol is a new RnB-pop vocal group made up of six talented young artists: Tamara Vujačić, Mirela Ljumić, Željko Vukčević, Ivana Obradović, Emel Franca, and Rizo Feratović.
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Song Description	"Heaven" is a sweet, melodic pop song that really highlights the group's cohesive harmonies.
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Selection Process	After an open call for submissions, <i>Montevizija 2019</i> was held with five competing acts. The winner was decided via a televote, plus three juries (one from local radio, one with international experts, and one with Montenegrin experts).
Date Selected	9th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2009, 2012-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	11
Best Position	13 <sup>th</sup> (2015)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Vanja Radovanović / Inje
Finishing Position	NQ (16th Place in the Semifinal)

# The Netherlands

Slot 16, Semifinal 2

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Duncan Laurence</b> (Duncan de Moor)
Title	<b>Arcade</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Duncan Laurence, Joel Sjöo, Wouter Hardy

Artist Profile	Duncan Laurence was a semifinalist on the 2014 series of <i>The Voice of Holland</i> , where he was coached by 2013 Eurovision alumna Ilse de Lange.
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Song Description	"Arcade" is a moody, evocative ballad inspired by the unrequited love felt by a friend who died young. The song really highlights Duncan's vocal range and ability to convey deep emotion.
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Selection Process	Dutch broadcaster AVROTROS opted for an internal selection this year for both the nation's singer and song.
Date Artist Announced	21st January
Date Song Released	7th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1984, 1986-1990, 1992-1994, 1996-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	60
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1957, 1959, 1969, 1975)
Host Venue	Hilversum 1958, Amsterdam 1970, The Hague 1976, The Hague 1980

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Waylon / Outlaw In 'Em
Finishing Position	18th Place in the Final

# North Macedonia

Slot 17, Semifinal 2

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Tamara Todevska</b>
Title	<b>Proud</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Robert Bilbilov, Lazar Cvetkoski, Darko Dimitrov / Lyrics: Kosta Petrov and Sanja Popovska

Artist Profile	Tamara Todevska has been a fixture on the North Macedonian music scene since 2003. At Eurovision 2008, she represented the country alongside Vrčak & Adrian with "Let Me Love You", narrowly missing out on a place in the Final. Tamara also provided backing vocals for the Macedonian entries in 2004 and 2014.
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Song Description	A deeply evocative ballad dedicated to Tamara's young children, "Proud" tells listeners to hold their heads up high and take pride in who they are, despite those telling them otherwise.
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Selection Process	North Macedonian broadcaster MRT selected their singer and song internally this year, as they have since 2016. This is the nation's first entry since officially switching its name from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
Date Artist Announced	25th January
Date Song Released	8th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1998
Years Competed	1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	19
Best Position	12 <sup>th</sup> (2006)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Eye Cue / Lost and Found
Finishing Position	NQ (18th Place in the Semifinal)



## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	KEiINO
Title	<b>Spirit in the Sky</b>
Language	English (with a line in Northern Sámi)
Composers	Music: Tom Hugo Hermansen, Henrik Tala, Fred Buljo, Rüdiger Schramm / Lyrics: Alexander Olsson, Tom Hugo, Fred Buljo, Alexandra Rotan

Artist Profile	KEiINO brings together singers Tom Hugo Hermansen and Alexandra Rotan with rapper and Sami joik artist Fred Buljo. The name of the act is derived from Buljo's hometown of Kautokeino, and means "The Road".
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Song Description	"Spirit in the Sky" blends a driving electropop beat with traditional Sami joik.
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Selection Process	Norway continued to use its national selection show <i>Melodi Grand Prix</i> , first used in 1960 to select their artist and song. Ten songs were winnowed down to a final two through the vote of an international jury and public televote, and the public decided the eventual winner.
Date Selected	2nd March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1960
Years Competed	1960-1969, 1971-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	58
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1985, 1995, 2009)
Host Venue	Bergen 1986, Oslo 1996, Bærum 2010

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Alexander Rybak / That's How You Write a Song
Finishing Position	10 <sup>th</sup>

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Tulia</b>
Title (Polish)	<b>Fire of Love (Pali Sie)</b>
Title (English)	It's On Fire
Language	Polish, English
Composers	Music: Nadia Dalin / Lyrics: Sonia Krasny (Polish), Allan Rich and Jude Friedman (English)

Artist Profile	This four-piece vocal group, made up of Patrycja Nowicka, Dominika Siepka, Joanna Sinkiewicz and Tulia Biczak, combine modern musical production and traditional Polish vocals. They released their self-titled debut album last year.
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Song Description	One of the standout tracks from Tulia's debut album, this song blends a classic rock sound with close, traditional Slavic harmonies.
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Selection Process	Following the lead of their winning 2018 Junior Eurovision entry, TVP opted for an internal selection this year, their first since 2015.
Date Artist Announced	15th February
Date Song Released	8th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1999, 2001, 2003-2011, 2014-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	22
Best Position	2 <sup>nd</sup> (1994)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Gromee featuring Lukas Meijer/ Light Me Up
Finishing Position	NQ (14th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Conan Osiris</b> (Tiago Miranda)
Title (Portuguese)	<b>Telemóveis</b>
Title (English)	Mobile Phones
Language	Portuguese
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Conan Osiris

Artist Profile	A relative newcomer on the local scene, Conan Osiris released his first album in 2016. He launched his second album "Adoro Bolos" to critical acclaim the following year.
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Song Description	Blending fado, Middle Eastern sounds, and electronica, "Telemóveis" almost defies description. The lyrics play with the longing wistfulness of <i>saudade</i> present in traditional Portuguese music, but using the symbolism of a mobile phone.
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Selection Process	<i>Festival da Canção</i> brought together sixteen acts, divided into two semifinals. The winner was decided through a public televote and a series of domestic regional juries.
Date Selected	2nd March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1964
Years Competed	1964-1969, 1971-1999, 2001, 2003-2012, 2014-2015, 2017-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	51
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2017)
Host Venue	Lisbon 2019

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Cláudia Pascoal feat. Isaura / O jardim
Finishing Position	26th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Ester Peony</b> (Alexandra Crețu)
Title	<b>On a Sunday</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Ester Alexandra Crețu, Alexandru Șerbu / Lyrics: Ioana Victoria Badea

Artist Profile	Growing up in Romania and Canada, Ester Peony has been recording and releasing self-composed work in Romania since 2014. She released her first EP, <i>Dig It</i> , in May of 2018.
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Song Description	Dark and bluesy, "On a Sunday" is a sultry pop ballad about obsession following the end of a failed relationship.
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Selection Process	A total of 23 songs were in the running for this year's <i>Selecția Națională 2019</i> , with twelve advancing to the Final. A six-member jury weighed in, with the Romanian public counting as a seventh juror.
Date Selected	17th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002-2015, 2017-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	20
Best Position	3 <sup>rd</sup> (2005, 2010)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	The Humans / Goodbye
Finishing Position	NQ (11th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Sergey Lazarev</b>
Title	<b>Scream</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Philip Kirkorov, Dimitris Kontopoulos / Lyrics: Sharon Vaughn, Dimitris Kontopoulos

Artist Profile	One of Russia's biggest stars, Sergey Lazarev has been a fixture on the pop scene since 2000. He has released six studio albums, and represented his homeland at Eurovision 2016, coming in third place with "You Are the Only One".
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Song Description	Dark and epic, "Scream" is an emotional ballad that will surely lend itself to a strong stage show.
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Selection Process	Russian broadcaster RTR opted for an internal selection for both its artist and song.
Date Artist Announced	7th February
Date Song Released	9th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1997, 2000-2016, 2018-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	23
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2008)
Host Venue	Moscow 2009

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Yulia Samoylova / I Won't Break
Finishing Position	NQ (15th Place in the Semifinal)

# San Marino

Slot 17, Semifinal 1

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Serhat</b> (Ahmet Serhat Hacıpaşalıoğlu)
Title	<b>Say Na Na Na</b>
Language	English (with a few words in Turkish)
Composers	Music: Ahmet Serhat Hacıpaşalıoğlu / Lyrics: Mary Susan Applegate, Ahmet Serhat Hacıpaşalıoğlu

Artist Profile	Serhat is a popular singer, producer, and television host based in Istanbul, Turkey. He is most famously known as the host of <i>Riziko!</i> , the local version of the hit American game show <i>Jeopardy!</i> . He previously represented San Marino at Eurovision 2016, coming in 12th place in his semifinal with "I Didn't Know".
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Song Description	Unabashedly positive and upbeat, "Say Na Na Na" is a slice of bright, danceable, loungey disco.
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Selection Process	Sammarinese broadcaster SMRTV opted for an internal selection for Tel Aviv.
Date Artist Announced	21st January
Date Song Released	7th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2008
Years Competed	2008, 2011-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	10
Best Position	24 <sup>th</sup> (2014)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Jessika featuring Jenifer Brening / Who We Are
Finishing Position	NQ (17th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Nevena Božović</b>
Title (Serbian)	<b>Kruna (Круна)</b>
Title (English)	Crown
Language	Serbian (contains a line in English)
Composers	Music: Nevena Božović, Darko Dimitrov / Lyrics: Nevena Božović

Artist Profile	Nevena Božović first represented her country at Junior Eurovision 2007, coming in third place overall with "Piši mi". In 2013, she ended as runner-up on the local reality show <i>Prvi glas Srbije</i> , and represented Serbia at Eurovision as part of the girl-group Moje 3. Their song "Ljubav je svuda", ended up in 11th place and failed to progress to the Finals. Since then she has continued to release original music in both English and Serbian.
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Song Description	"Kruna" is a classic Balkan Ballad, with powerhouse vocals and plenty of drama.
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Selection Process	Twenty-four songs competed in the two semifinals of <i>Beovizija 2019</i> , leading to a twelve-song final. The winner was decided through a public televote and a Serbian jury panel.
Date Selected	3rd March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2013, 2015-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	12
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2007)
Host Venue	Belgrade 2008

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Sanja Ilić & Balkanika / Nova Deca
Finishing Position	19th Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Zala Kralj &amp; Gašper Šantl</b>
Title (Slovene)	<b>Sebi</b>
Title (English)	Oneself
Language	Slovene
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Zala Kralj & Gašper Šantl

Artist Profile	Zala Kralj & Gašper Šantl are two relative newcomers to the Slovenian music scene. The pair came together when Gašper found Zala's music on social media in 2017, and they've been writing and recording together ever since. They released an EP, <i>Štiri</i> , this year.
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Song Description	"Sebi" is a minimalistic indie-pop composition with Zala's soothing, hypnotic vocals floating over Gašper's sparse electronic beat.
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Selection Process	Ten songs went head-to-head at EMA 2019, with two superfinalists moving on via a jury selection. Those two acts were then voted on by the Slovenian public.
Date Selected	16th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1993
Years Competed	1993, 1995-1999, 2001-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	25
Best Position	7 <sup>th</sup> (1995, 2001)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Lea Sirk / Hvala, ne!
Finishing Position	22nd Place in the Final



## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Miki</b> (Miguel Núñez)
Title (Spanish)	<b>La Venda</b>
Title (English)	The Blindfold
Language	Spanish
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Adrià Salas

Artist Profile	Miki hails from Terrassa, Catalonia, making him the third consecutive Catalan artist to represent Spain at Eurovision. He was the frontman for cover band Dalton Bang before joining the contestant pool of <i>Operación Triunfo</i> , where he ended up in sixth place.
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Song Description	"La Venda" is a hands-in-the-air Latin party song with a deeper message of self-discovery and self-actualization than a summery fiesta anthem would normally suggest.
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Selection Process	A corollary to this year's series of <i>Operación Triunfo</i> , songs were offered to a number of this year's finalists. Following an online vote, ten of these songs progressed to a "Eurovision Gala", where the winner was decided via a public televote.
Date Selected	20th January

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1961
Years Competed	1961 - present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	59
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1968, 1969)
Host Venue	Madrid 1969

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Alfred & Amaia / Tu canción
Finishing Position	23rd Place in the Final

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>John Lundvik</b>
Title	<b>Too Late for Love</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: John Lundvik, Anderz Wrethov, Andreas Stone Johansson

Artist Profile	John Lundvik first became known to the Swedish public when he composed "When You Tell the World You're Mine", the wedding song for Crown Princess Victoria in 2010. He made his <i>Melodifestivalen</i> debut last year, coming in third place with "My Turn". This year, he is not only representing Sweden, but he is also one of the songwriters for the United Kingdom's entry, "Bigger than Us".
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Song Description	"Too Late for Love" is an uplifting bit of soul-influenced pop with an anthemic, gospel-kissed chorus.
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Selection Process	Once again, Sweden turned to <i>Melodifestivalen</i> to select its singer for Eurovision. Four semifinals (and a Second Chance round) led to a twelve-song Final, where the winner was decided by a mix of public televoting and an international jury.
Date Selected	9th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1958
Years Competed	1958-1963, 1965-1969, 1971-1975, 1978 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	59
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1974, 1984, 1991, 1999, 2012, 2015)
Host Venue	Stockholm 1975, Gothenburg 1985, Malmö 1992, Stockholm 2000, Malmö 2013, Stockholm 2016

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Benjamin Ingrosso / Dance You Off
Finishing Position	7th Place in the Final

# Switzerland

Slot 4, Semifinal 2

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Luca Hänni</b>
Title	<b>She Got Me</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Laurell Barker, Mac Frazer, Luca Hänni, Jon Hällgren, Lukas Hällgren

Artist Profile	At the age of just 17, Luca Hänni won the ninth series of <i>Deutschland sucht den Superstar</i> , Germany's edition of <i>Pop Idol</i> . Since then, he's released four albums, all successful in the Swiss, German, and Austrian markets.
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Song Description	"She Got Me" is a radio-friendly dance-pop song with a touch of Latin flair (and a hint of Alpine yodeling in the bridge!).
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Selection Process	Switzerland decided to opt for an internal selection, as opposed to their National Final, <i>Die Entscheidungsshow</i> . An international panel jurors helped decide the Swiss entrant and song.
Date Released	7th March

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1994, 1996-1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	60
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1956, 1988)
Host Venue	Lugano 1956, Lausanne 1989

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	ZiBBZ / Stones
Finishing Position	NQ (13th Place in the Semifinal)

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Maruv</b> (Anna Korsun)
Title	<b>Siren Song</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Hanna Korsun, Mikhail Busin

Artist Profile	The former lead singer of The Pringlez, Maruv's breakthrough was with the 2017 hit " <i>Drunk Groove</i> ", which charted in Russia, Poland, and Ukraine.
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Song Description	A sensual electro-pop banger with a killer synth chorus, "Siren Song" had the potential to be an absolute crowd-pleasing dance-floor filler in Tel Aviv.
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Selection Process	Ukraine was due to select its artist through <i>Vidbir 2019</i> , with two semifinals leading to a six-song final. After a public televote and jury score, Maruv was declared the winner. However, due to a contractual dispute between broadcaster UA:PBC and the artist, including scheduled shows in Russia, the costs of participation, and other restrictions, Maruv declined the ticket to Tel Aviv. UA:PBC extended the offer to other <i>Vidbir</i> acts, who also declined, leading to Ukraine's eventual withdrawal.
Date Selected	23rd February
Date Withdrawn	27th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2014, 2016 - present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	16
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (2004, 2016)
Host Venue	Kyiv 2005, Kyiv 2017

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	Mélovin/ Under the Ladder
Finishing Position	17th Place in the Final

# United Kingdom

Big 5, Automatic Finalist

## Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist	<b>Michael Rice</b>
Title	<b>Bigger Than Us</b>
Language	English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Laurell Barker, Anna-Klara Folin, John Lundvik, Jonas Thander

Artist Profile	Michael Rice won the first series of <i>All Together Now</i> in 2018. He had also participated in the 2014 series of <i>The X Factor</i> , but failed to progress beyond the Bootcamp stages. Michael is currently working on his debut EP.
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Song Description	"Bigger Than Us" is a classic power-ballad, complete with a key change and anthemic chorus. It was co-written by John Lundvik, who is representing Sweden this year.
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Selection Process	In this year's edition of <i>Eurovision: You Decide</i> , three songs were released, each performed in different styles by two different artists. A panel of three jurors selected the best version of each song, with the final decision left in the hands of the British televoting public.
Date Selected	8th February

## Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957, 1959 – present
No. of ESC (incl 2019)	62
Best Position	1 <sup>st</sup> (1967, 1969, 1976, 1981, 1997)
Host Venue	London 1960, London 1963, London 1968, Edinburgh, 1972, Brighton 1974, London 1977, Harrogate 1982, Birmingham 1998

## Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Artist/Song	SuRie / Storm
Finishing Position	24th Place in the Final

# Eurovision 2019 Facts & Figures:

## Who'll be performing:

(41 nations, down from last year's total by two, after the withdrawal of Bulgaria and Ukraine):

Solo Female (14): Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Cyprus, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Malta, Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia

Solo Male (18): Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, France, Georgia, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

Duos (3): Finland, Germany, Slovenia

Groups and Collaborations (6): Czech Republic, Iceland, Latvia, Montenegro, Norway, Poland

## How the acts were chosen:

National Final (26): Albania, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom  
(\* - The winner of Italy's San Remo Festival is given first right of refusal for the ticket to Eurovision. This year, the winner accepted the invitation.)

Partial National Final:

Public artist selection, internal song selection (2): Israel, Malta

Internal artist selection, public song selection (1): Finland

Internal Selection (12): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Russia, San Marino, Switzerland

## What language will the song be performed in?

English (28): Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway\*, Romania, Russia, San Marino\*\*, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

\* Norway's song contains a phrase in Northern Sámi.

\*\* San Marino's song contains a countdown in Turkish.

No English (8): Albania, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain

Bilingual with English (5): Croatia, Denmark, France, Poland, Serbia

## How many have had previous involvement with Eurovision?

Hungary

Joci Pápai previously represented Hungary at Eurovision in 2017, coming in 8th place with "Origo".

Lithuania

Jurijus served as a backing singer for Lithuania's entries in 2013 ("Something") and 2015 ("This Time").

North Macedonia

Tamara Todevska competed on behalf of Macedonia in 2008 alongside Vrchak and Adrian Gaxha with "Let Me Love You". They came in 10th place in their semifinal, but due to the rules of qualification that year, they did not make it to the Final. Tamara also served as a backing singer for Toše Proeski in 2004 and for her sister Tijana Dapčević in 2013.

Russia

Sergey Lazarev sang for Russia in 2016, finishing in 3rd place with "You Are the Only One".

San Marino

Serhat competed for San Marino in 2016 with the disco remix of "I Didn't Know", coming in 12th place in his semifinal.

Serbia

Nevena Božović sang for Serbia in 2013 as a member of Moje 3, who came in 11th place in their semifinal with "Ljubav je svuda".

Switzerland

Luca Hänni was the spokesperson for the Swiss Jury at Eurovision 2017.



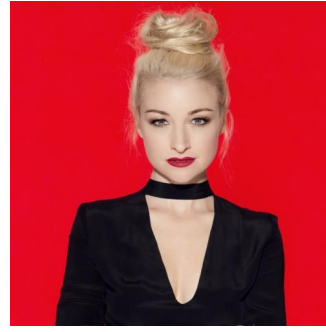
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Jonida Maliqi



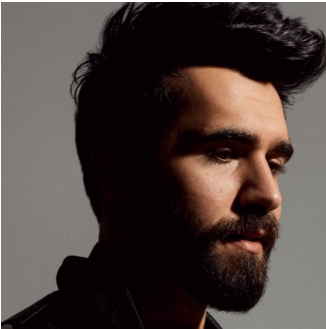
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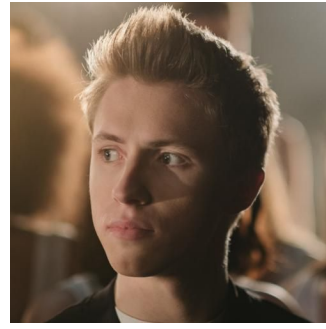
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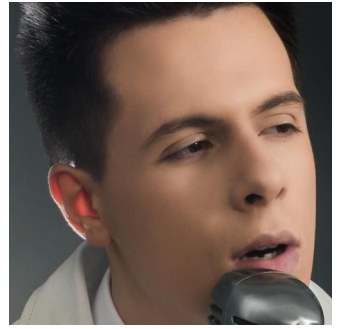
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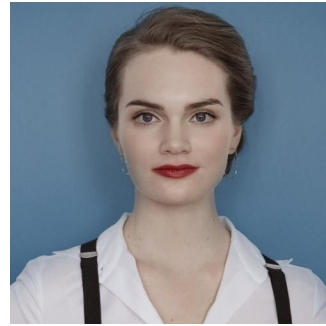
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**Cyprus**  
Tanta



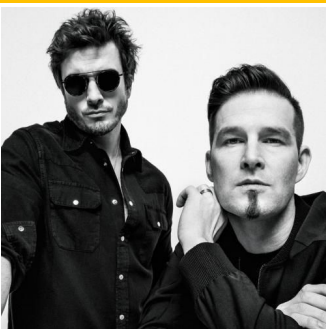
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**Denmark**  
Leonora



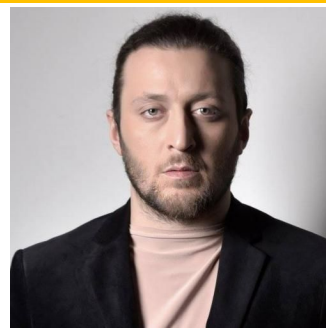
**Estonia**  
Victor Crone



**Finland**  
Darude feat.  
Sebastian Rejman



**France**  
Bilal Hassani



**Georgia**  
Oto Nemsadze



**Germany**  
S!sters





**Greece**  
Katerine Duska



**Hungary**  
Joci Pápai



**Iceland**  
Hatari



**Ireland**  
Sarah McTernan



**Israel**  
Kobi Marimi



**Italy**  
Mahmood



**Latvia**  
Carousel



**Lithuania**  
Jurij Veklenko



**Malta**  
Michaela



**Moldova**  
Anna Obodescu



**Montenegro**  
D mol



**The Netherlands**  
Duncan Lawrence



**North Macedonia**  
Tamara Todevska



**Norway**  
KEiINO



**Poland**  
Tulia



**Portugal**  
Conan Osiris





**Romania**  
Ester Peony



**Russia**  
Sergey Lazarev



**San Marino**  
Serhat



**Serbia**  
Nevena Božović



**Slovenia**  
Zala Kralj & Gašper  
Šantl



**Spain**  
Miki



**Sweden**  
John Lundvik



**Switzerland**  
Luca Hänni



**United Kingdom**  
Michael Rice

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Semifinal One			
Running Order	Country	Artist	Song
1	Cyprus	Tamta	Replay
2	Montenegro	D mol	Heaven
3	Finland	Darude feat. Sebastian Rejman	Look Away
4	Poland	Tulia	Fire of Love (Pali się)
5	Slovenia	Zala Kralj & Gašper Šantl	Sebi
6	Czech Republic	Lake Malawi	Friend of a Friend
7	Hungary	Joci Pápai	Az én apám
8	Belarus	ZENA	Like It
9	Serbia	Nevena Božović	Kruna (Круна)
10	Belgium	Eliot	Wake Up
11	Georgia	Oto Nemsadze	Keep on Going
12	Australia	Kate Miller-Heidke	Zero Gravity
13	Iceland	Hatari	Hatrið mun sigra
14	Estonia	Victor Crone	Storm
15	Portugal	Conan Osiris	Telemóveis
16	Greece	Katerine Duska	Better Love
17	San Marino	Serhat	Say Na Na Na
Semifinal Two			
Running Order	Country	Artist	Song
1	Armenia	Srbuk	Walking Out
2	Ireland	Sarah McTernan	22
3	Moldova	Anna Obodescu	Stay
4	Switzerland	Luca Hänni	She Got Me
5	Latvia	Carousel	That Night
6	Romania	Ester Peony	On A Sunday
7	Denmark	Leonora	Love is Forever
8	Sweden	John Lundvik	Too Late for Love
9	Austria	Pænda	Limits
10	Croatia	Roko	The Dream
11	Malta	Michaela Pace	Chameleon
12	Lithuania	Jurij Veklenko	Run With the Lions
13	Russia	Sergey Lazarev	Scream
14	Albania	Jonida Maliqi	Ktheju tokës
15	Norway	KEiINO	Spirit in the Sky
16	Netherlands	Duncan Laurence	Arcade
17	North Macedonia	Tamara Todevska	Proud
18	Azerbaijan	Chingiz	Truth
Grand Final			
Running Order	Country	Artist	Song
	France	Bilal Hassani	Roi
	Germany	Ststers	Sister
14	Israel	Kobi Marimi	Home
	Italy	Mahmood	Soldi
	Spain	Miki	La venda
	United Kingdom	Michael Rice	Bigger than Us

